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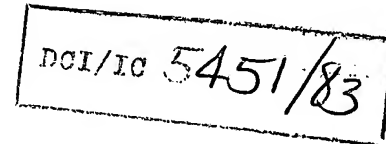
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Dear [Redacted]

The incidence of maritime piracy and terrorism has reached a level worldwide that is high enough to call for a systematic approach by Federal agencies to improving the self-protection capabilities of merchant ships and providing Government support for international control programs.

The Maritime Administration proposes to convene the agencies that have direct or indirect interests in the problem on May 10 for a preliminary discussion of possible courses of action. Topics that may be considered include:

- o Reporting of incidents
- o Collection and dissemination of intelligence and advance warnings
- o Training of ships' crews
- o Arming of ships
- o Intrusion detection devices and other protective equipment
- o Communications
- o Diplomatic measures
- o Federal Government coordination of action to control piracy and terrorism

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The meeting will be held in the Maritime Administration Operations Center, Room Pl-1303, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., at 10:00, May 10, 1983. Room Pl-1303 is on the first parking level, that is, below ground, at the southeast (6th and E Streets SW) corner of the Department of Transportation building. Your participation is invited and encouraged. Please have your representative inform Frank Case or Greg Klein, at 382-6100, the names of attendees from your agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell F. Stryker", written in a cursive style.

RUSSELL F. STRYKER

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